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PRESIDENT CARTER'S TRIP

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SUEDDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG (BY HERBERT BORCH, WASHINGTON): IN THE FORE-
GROUND OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S DISCUSSIONS IN VENEZUELA, BRAZIL,
NIGERIA AND LIBERIA WILL BE U.S. RELATIONS WITH THE THIRD WORLD.
ALTHOUGH THE PRESIDENT HAS NOT YET LIVED UP TO HIS CAMPAIGN PRO-
MISES TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, HIS PRESTIGE IN THE THIRD WORLD IS
MUCH HIGHER THAN THAT OF HIS PREDECESSORS.

PRESIDENT PEREZ OF VENEZUELA IS CONSIDERED BY CARTER AS "ONE OF MY BEST FRIENDS." PEREZ IS A LOYAL SUPPORTER OF CARTER'S POLICIES OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND OF NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION. HOWEVER, HE HAS CRITICIZED THE U.S. FOR PAYING LOW PRICES FOR RAW MATERIALS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHILE ASKING HIGH PRICES FOR TECHNOLOGY AND FINISHED PRODUCTS.

THE ATMOSPHERE IN BRAZIL WILL BE LESS FAVORABLE FOR CARTER. RELATIONS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND BRASILIA HAVE BEEN OVERSHADOWED BY CONTROVERSY OVER HUMAN RIGHTS AND BY THE GERMAN-BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR DEAL.

IN NIGERIA, CARTER WILL WARN AGAINST THE DANGER OF CIVIL WAR IN RHODESIA. INDICATIONS ARE THAT WASHINGTON CONSIDERS SOVIET AND CUBAN INTERVENTION IN AFRICAN CONFLICTS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE POLICY OF DETENTE.

FRANKFURTER NEUE PRESSE (BY GUENTHER DE THIER, WASHINGTON): IN VENEZUELA AND NIGERIA, THE PRESIDENT'S HOSTS PRESUMABLY WILL EXPRESS CONCERN PREVAILING IN THESE OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES OVER THE DECLINE OF THE DOLLAR. THE ATMOSPHERE IN BRAZIL MAY PROVE TO BE DIFFICULT FOR CARTER.

NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION ACT

DER SPIEGEL (NEWS MAGAZINE) UNDER THE HEADLINE "ULTIMATUM FROM UNCLASSIFIED

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WASHINGTON": THE NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION ACT GIVES RISE TO SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES FOR EC COUNTRIES. IF THEY REFUSE TO ACCEPT RIGID NUCLEAR CONTROLS, THE U.S. WILL STOP SUPPLYING THEM WITH ENRICHED URANIUM. BONN IS FRIGHTENED AND ANNOYED BY CARTER'S INTENSIFIED "CRUSADE AGAINST NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION AND AGAINST WORLDWIDE PLUTONIUM ECONOMY."

THE U.S. WANTS TO HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONTROL AND INSPECT ALL NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS IN THE FRG. BY APRIL 10, EURATOM MUST STATE ITS READINESS TO RENEGOTIATE EXISTING NUCLEAR CONTRACTS WITH THE U.S. OR FACE IMMEDIATE DISCONTINUATION OF AMERICAN DELIVERIES. CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT CONSIDERS THIS AN "UNFRIENDLY ACT" AND A "BREACH OF LAW." HOWEVER, EXPERTS IN HIS OFFICE REJECT HIS VIEW, POINTING OUT THAT THE AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE U.S. AND EURATOM IN 1959 DO NOT COMMIT THE U.S. TO SUPPLY EURATOM COUNTRIES WITH NUCLEAR FUEL. THEY POINTED OUT TO THE CHANCELLOR THAT, ON THE BASIS OF THE NONPROLIFERATION ACT, OPERATION OF ANY URANIUM ENRICHMENT PLANT AND OF ANY REPROCESSING INSTALLATION AS WELL AS STORING ENRICHED URANIUM AND PLUTONIUM IN THE FRG WOULD BE SUBJECT TO AMERICAN APPROVAL. MOREOVER, THE U.S. WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO DENY THE FRG THE RIGHT TO EXPORT NUCLEAR MATERIAL EVEN TO EC COUNTRIES.

PEOPLE IN BONN ARE PARTICULARLY ANNOYED BY CARTER'S COUP BECAUSE THEY HAD HOPED THE U.S. WOULD NOT TOUCH EXISTING NUCLEAR CONTRACTS PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION CONFERENCE. ON FEB. 24, PRESIDENT CARTER HAD SENT SPECIAL AMBASSADOR SMITH TO BRUSSELS TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THE U.S. WOULD DISCONTINUE ITS NUCLEAR EXPORTS AT ONCE IF EURATOM FAILED TO TAKE A POSITIVE STAND WITHIN 30 DAYS ON THE AMERICAN REQUEST OF LAST OCTOBER FOR RENEGOTIATING EXISTING NUCLEAR DELIVERY CONTRACTS. SMITH MODIFIED HIS ULTIMATUM AND BUILT A GOLDEN BRIDGE TO EURATOM BY INDICATING THAT ONE COULD BEGIN WITH NEGOTIATIONS ON NONCONTROVERSIAL MATTERS, SUCH AS EXTERNAL PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS, AND DELAY NEGOTIATIONS ON CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES, SUCH AS CONSTRUCTION OF REPROCESSING INSTALLATIONS IN EUROPE, UNTIL CONCLUSION OF THE INFCE CONFERENCE. ON MARCH 17, THE

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EC COMMISSION SUGGESTED TO THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS TO SIGNAL TO THE U.S. GENERAL READINESS FOR DISCUSSIONS. ALL AGREED, EXCEPT FRANCE, WHICH HAS FACILITIES OF ITS OWN FOR PRODUCING ENRICHED URANIUM.

ON APRIL 4, THE EC COUNCIL INTENDS TO MAKE ANOTHER ATTEMPT AT CLARIFYING WHETHER AND IN WHAT FORM IT SHOULD REPLY TO THE AMERICAN REQUEST. THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE SUGGESTED IN A CONFIDENTIAL POSITION PAPER THAT NEW DISCUSSIONS WITH THE AMERICANS SHOULD NOT PREJUDICE THE OUTCOME OF THE INFCE CONFERENCE AND THAT, IN THE MEANTIME, EXISTING CONTRACTS, INCLUDING THE GERMAN-BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENTS AND AMERICAN NUCLEAR DELIVERY CONTRACTS, SHOULD BE ADHERED TO. GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN BOELLING OUTLINED THE GERMAN POSITION AS FOLLOWS: "WE ARE READY FOR DISCUSSIONS BUT NOT INCLINED TO NEGOTIATE."

LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE

DIE WELT (FRONT-PAGE REPORT FROM GENEVA): THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE IN GENEVA IS OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE. WHILE EARLIER CONFERENCES COPEDED CHIEFLY WITH PROCEDURAL PROBLEMS, THIS MEETING SHOULD END THE STATE OF LEGAL UNCERTAINTY CONCERNING THE SEAS. IT SHOULD ANSWER THE QUESTION OF WHO SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO EXPLOIT THE TREASURES OF THE SEA TO WHOSE ADVANTAGE. THERE IS AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE THAT POOR COUNTRIES SHOULD BENEFIT FROM SUCH EXPLOITATION. DISTRIBUTION OF BENEFITS SHOULD BE CONTROLLED BY AN INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY. COMPOSITION OF THAT AUTHORITY WILL BE A MAJOR SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION AT THIS CONFERENCE. AT ISSUE ALSO IS THE SHARE POOR COUNTRIES SHOULD HAVE IN EXPLOITING THE TREASURES OF THE SEA AND THE ANNUAL RATE OF EXPLOITATION. IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT AGREEMENT WILL BE ACHIEVED ON THESE ISSUES.

GENERAL-ANZEIGER (SATURDAY; BY WOLF J. BELL): THE OIL CATA-

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STROPHE OFF THE FRENCH ATLANTIC COAST IS A DRASTIC DEMONSTRATION OF THE NECESSITY OF ESTBLISHING NEW SEA LAWS. HOWEVER, MARITIME ECOLOGY IS BUT ONE OF THE MANY PROBLEMS TO BE SETTLED BY A COMPREHENSIVE SEA LAW CONVENTION. PROSPECTS OF ACHIEVING A BREAKTHROUGH AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ARE 50 : 50.

NEUE RUHR ZEITUNG (PRO-SPD): "...THE DREAM OF FREEDOM OF THE SEAS IS OVER. THE SEAS ARE INDISPENSABLE ARTERIES OF INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC. THE UN IS IN DANGER OF LOSING CONTROL OVER THE COURSE OF THE PERENNIAL DISCUSSION OF SEABED EXPLOITATION... AN INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY AS CALLED FOR BY THE THIRD WORLD WOULD SHIFT RATHER THAN PREVENT STRUGGLING OVER EXPLOITATION RIGHTS. AGREEMENTS ON EXPLOITING THE TREASURES OF THE SEAS ARE OVERDUE... IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THEM INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES WILL HAVE TO RESTRICT THEIR CLAIMS. AS FAR AS SEA TRAFFIC IS CONCERNED, SECURITY SHOULD HAVE PRIORITY OVER PROFIT. THERE SHOULD BE CLOSED SEASONS FOR FISHING AND MODEST EXPLOITATION OF SEABED DEPOSITS."
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